(b) whether Unit Trust of India Bank Limited has started spending money to refurbish the new premises without having obtained a completion/occupancy Certificate from the Competent Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) and (b) UTI Bank Limited is a private sector bank and Government have no role in matters relating to refurbishing of their branches.

Shifting of main branch of UTI Bank Limited

3159. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether New Delhi Main Branch of Unit Trust of India Bank Limited in Connaught Place is shifting part of its operations to a neighbouring building at a rent of about Rs. 220/- per sq. ft. which will be more than twice the rent of the existing premises; and

(b) whether the shifting would result in a loss of more than rupees five crores over the next decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) and (b) UTI Bank Limited is a private sector bank and Government have no role in matters relating to acquiring/shifting of their branches. Further, hiring of premises by banks is a contract between the bank and the landlord and such decisions are taken by banks based on commercial considerations.

Shortage of coins in Gujarat

3160. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of coins in Gujarat;

(b) what is the annual allotment of coins for 2000-2001;

(c) what is the demand of State;

(d) the quantum of imported coins issued to Gujarat;